JFK Plot: Dead Man Enters the Case

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 22 (AP)—The county solicitor was asked today to exhume the body of a man said by his brother to have believed he was being harassed by "agents" following the assassination of President Kennedy.

The man, Thomas Henry Killam, died March 17, 1964, amid shattered glass on a downtown Pensacola street.

The Pensacola News-Journal said Killam was married to a stripper who worked for Jack Ruby in Dallas. The paper also said that Killam worked as a house painter with a man named Jack Carter, who had roomed in Dallas at one time with Lee Harvey Oswald.

Killam's brother, Earl, asked the solicitor to exhume the body to determine the cause of death.

Police listed the death as a probable suicide, but the coroner had called the death accidental, the newspaper said.

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The corner, Dr. A. H. Northup, said his records showed Killam suffered "a long, three-inch-deep laceration over the lower left side of the neck. Apparently sustained deep laceration in throat when he fell through a plate glass window," the newspaper said.

Solicitor Carl Harper said he took a statement from Killam this morning and would decide after an investigation whether to exhume the body. He would not discuss the statement or his planned investigation.

Earl Killam was quoted as saying his brother told him that "agents" and "plotters" visited him repeatedly after the assassination, when the brother was living in Dallas while his wife worked for Ruby as a stripper, the newspaper said.

Finally, the newspaper quoted the brother, Thomas Killam left Texas and returned to Pensacola to live with his mother.

But he still complained of being constantly questioned by the "agents" about the presidential assassination, the brother was quoted as saying.

Killam moved to Tampa and worked for three months, but still felt that he was being harassed by the "agents," the brother's story continued.

'I'M DEAD MAN'

Killam returned to Pensacola in the middle of March, the newspaper said, and two days before he was found dead he told his brother:

"I'm a dead man. I've run as far as I'm going to run."

The newspaper said Killam never identified the "agents" specifically.

Harper said he had not heard of any controversy surrounding the Killam death until he was contacted by reporter Eddie Narker of the Pensacola newspaper last night.

Harper said he had not talked to district attorney James Garrison of New Orleans, but planned to talk to him as part of his investigation.

Thomas Killam's wife, Wanda, had been associated with Ruby for 15 years, the brother was reported as saying.

Ruby shot Lee Harvey Oswald, the man the Warren Commission said killed President Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.